



# SAFETY ALERT 06-01



## DOD Civilian Dies in Motorcycle Crash

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Today, 3 October 2005, at approximately 0610 hours, a DOD Civilian member of the MANSCEN team died in a tragic motorcycle accident. Though the cause(s) of this accident are still under investigation, the following information is a good refresher on motorcycle safety requirements.

### **APPLICABILITY**

These requirements for operation of a motorcycle, from DoD, Army, and FLW regulations, apply to

- o All military personnel at any time, on or off the installation.
- o All DoD civilian personnel in a duty status, on or off the installation.
- o All persons in or on a DoD-owned motorcycle.
- o All persons at any time on the installation.

### **REQUIRED TRAINING AND LICENSING**

- o Operators must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways.
- o Operators must successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or other approved rider or operator safety course. The course must meet the requirements of DoDI 6055.4, paragraph E3.2.3.1

### **REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING (PPEC)**

- o DOT certified helmet, properly fastened under the chin
- o Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full face shield properly attached to the helmet
- o Sturdy over-the-ankle footwear
- o Long sleeved shirt or jacket
- o Full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on motorcycle
- o Long trousers
- o Brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a retro-reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment must be clearly visible and not covered. Soldiers who wear a reflective belt should wear it diagonally across the torso to ensure maximum visibility.
- o Operators must ensure that their passengers also comply with PPEC and visible garment requirements.

### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- o When operated on the installation, the headlights must be turned on at all times.
- o Rear view mirrors must be mounted on each side of the handle bars.
- o Soldiers must be in possession of an MSF card when they ride, to verify completion of training.
- o Soldiers who operate a motorcycle in conjunction with leave or a pass must complete the ASMIS-1 POV module, found at <https://safety.army.mil/home.html>.
- o The wearing of headphones or earphones is prohibited while operating a motorcycle.
- o Adjust your speed (slower) for curves in the road.
- o Always drive defensively so that you are alert for the actions of other drivers.
- o Be on the look out for animals that might unexpectedly enter the road.

